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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chris Nguyen on October 17, 2003.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 2, --which comprises-- replaces "comprising at least";

Claim 1, line 3, --said-- replaces the first mentioned "a";

Claim 1, line 3, --said-- replaces the second mentioned "a";

Claim 1, line 3, --said-- replaces the third mentioned "a".

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John S. Maples whose telephone number is 703-308-1795. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:15-3:45.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached on 703-308-2383. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

John S. Maples Primary Examiner Art Unit 1745

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